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### IN VACATION.

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**Within His Rights.**—"What the dickens is the matter with you?" furiously demanded the turnkey of Pat O'Brien, "kicking up a row at this time of night?"

"Sure an' I only want to go home", said Pat.

"Don't be a fool, man", said the turnkey, coming to see if Pat was quite well.

"Fool, bedad", shouted Pat from the other side of the bars, "I'm in my rights".

"Now look here", broke in the turnkey, meaningly, "you've got seven days hard; seven days you've got to do, so you'd better do them quietly".

"Your quite right", smiled Pat, "Shure, the ould boy gave seven days, but, begorra, he said nothing about nights, and faith you can surely trust me to come back in the morning".—St. Louis Star.

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**Lawyer's Advantage Over Poet.**—A young man wanted some sentimental verses to send to a young woman on the occasion of her birthday. Not being much of a versifier himself, he went to a poetic friend and asked him to oblige.

"Why, certainly", generously responded the poet. "What do you want me to say to her?"

"Oh, anything in a poetical way", answered the youth. Something sweet and rather tender; but remember that I don't want to commit myself in any way".

"Look here", said the friend, with a merry smile, "you don't want a poet to draw up your verses—you want a lawyer"

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**Poker Playing Not Loafing.**—"Some of you men who play poker day and night ought to be taken up for loafing".

"Playin' poker in Crimson Gulch", answered Three-finger Sam thoughtfully, "may be nonessential. But if you perreck your interests it ain't loafin'".—Washington Star.

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### BOOK REVIEWS.

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**The Debates in the Federal Convention of 1787 which Framed the Constitution of the United States of America.**—Reported by James Madison, a Delegate from the State of Virginia. International Edition. Gaillard Hunt and James Brown Scott, Editors.

I send you enclos'd the propos'd new Federal Constitution for these States. I was engag'd '4 Months of the last Summer in the Convention that form'd it. It is now sent by Congress to the